

providing a mono-, di-, or tri-basic propellant, in the form of powder granules,

surface-treating said granules of a mono-, di-, or tri-basic propellant powder

with at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyether, polyurethane, polyurea, polybutadiene, polyamide, and cellulose ester; and

recovering particles of said mono-, di-, or tri-basic propellant powder surface-treated with said polymer, wherein the recovered particles are in dry form. --

--48. (Amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the propellant powder is surface treated with an energetic softener which is at least one member selected from the group consisting of alkyl nitrate ethyl nitramine, nitric acid ester; bis(2,2-dinitropropyl) acetal, bis(2,2-dinitropropyl) formal, and dinitrodiazaalkane. --

53. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein at least two of said at least one reagent are applied either as a mixture or by a two-stage, consecutive treatment.

55. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 51, wherein said powder granules are coated with [each of] said reagent.

56. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 53, wherein said powder granules are coated with said at least two of said at least one said reagent.--

#### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is advised that he is authorized, upon determination of allowable subject matter, to cancel non-elected subject matter per 37 CFR §§1.143-145